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IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel claims 1-11.

Add new claims 12-18 as follows:

1-11. (canceled)

12. (new): A media storage device comprising:

a media container including (i) at least one wall portion defining an interior chamber, and (ii) a plurality of flexible members disposed on the at least one wall portion and extending into the interior chamber to define a first chamber section and a second chamber section in which media items can be retained; and

a media loading assembly for moving a media item in a first direction through the first chamber section and past the plurality of flexible members into the second chamber section such that (i) the flexible members are displaced when the media item moves in the first direction from the first chamber section to the second chamber section, and (ii) the flexible members co-operate to prevent the media item from moving in a second direction which is opposite the first direction from the second chamber section back to the first chamber section and thereby to retain the media item in the second chamber section.

13. (new): A storage device of claim 12, wherein the media loading assembly includes (i) a transfer mechanism movable between a retracted position and an extended position and for engaging a media item to move the media item in the first direction through the first chamber section and past the plurality of flexible members into the second chamber section as the transfer mechanism moves from the retracted position to the extended position, (ii) a drive mechanism, and (iii) a coupling which couples the drive mechanism to the transfer mechanism to multiply linear movement of the drive mechanism such that a particular linear movement of the drive mechanism results in an increased linear movement of the transfer mechanism as the transfer mechanism moves from the retracted position to the extended position to move the media item in the first direction through the first chamber section and past the plurality of flexible members into the second chamber section.

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14. (new): A storage device of claim 13, wherein the coupling comprises an extending arm including (i) a rearward portion pivotally connected to the drive mechanism, and (ii) a forward portion pivotally connected to the transfer mechanism such that linear movement of the drive mechanism is multiplied resulting in increased linear movement of the transfer mechanism when the drive mechanism moves linearly towards the transfer mechanism.

15. (new): A storage device of claim 12, wherein the media container and the media loading assembly are movable relative to one another.

16. (new): A self-service terminal comprising:
user interaction means for interacting with a user;
media deposit means for receiving media from a user;
a media container for receiving deposited media items, the media container including (i) at least one wall portion defining an interior chamber, and (ii) a plurality of flexible members disposed on the at least one wall portion and extending into the interior chamber to define a first chamber section and a second chamber section in which media items can be retained; and

a media loading assembly for moving a media item in a first direction through the first chamber section and past the plurality of flexible members into the second chamber section such that (i) the flexible members are displaced when the media item moves in the first direction from the first chamber section to the second chamber section, and (ii) the flexible members co-operate to prevent the media item from moving in a second direction which is opposite the first direction from the second chamber section back to the first chamber section and thereby to retain the media item in the second chamber section.

17. (new): A self-service terminal of claim 16, wherein the media loading assembly includes (i) a transfer mechanism movable between a retracted position and an extended position and for engaging a media item to move the media item in the first direction through the first chamber section and past the plurality of flexible members into the second

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chamber section as the transfer mechanism moves from the retracted position to the extended position, (ii) a drive mechanism, and (iii) a coupling which couples the drive mechanism to the transfer mechanism to multiply linear movement of the drive mechanism such that a particular linear movement of the drive mechanism results in an increased linear movement of the transfer mechanism as the transfer mechanism moves from the retracted position to the extended position to move the media item in the first direction through the first chamber section and past the plurality of flexible members into the second chamber section.

18. (new): A self-service terminal comprising:

interaction means for interacting with a user depositing banknotes;

deposit means for receiving banknotes from a user depositing banknotes;

a banknote container for receiving deposited banknotes from a user depositing banknotes, the banknote container including (i) at least one wall portion defining an interior chamber, and (ii) a plurality of flexible members disposed on the at least one wall portion and extending into the interior chamber to define a first chamber section and a second chamber section in which deposited banknotes can be retained; and

a banknote loading assembly for moving a deposited banknote in a first direction through the first chamber section and past the plurality of flexible members into the second chamber section such that (i) the flexible members are displaced when the deposited banknote moves in the first direction from the first chamber section to the second chamber section, and (ii) the flexible members co-operate to prevent the deposited banknote from moving in a second direction which is opposite the first direction from the second chamber section back to the first chamber section and thereby to retain the deposited banknote in the second chamber section.